## LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Zoom Committee Meeting Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## Minutes

	Apologies: Jacqui, Jane, Andy and Mike
	In attendance: Neil, Ian, David, Glyn, John and Karen
	Standing items: The club is committed to litter picking. Associated membership of the Ramblers and looking after the Trig point at Darwen.
1	Chairs Introduction.
	Minutes of the Last Meeting. Agreed.
	Update: The trig point at Darwen tower has been painted and our plaque polished by Sue and Peter Lomax.
2	The Walks Programme
	This was a meeting called by Neil to discuss the new guidance from LDWA from
	July 19th.  Neil gave an overview of the of the new guidelines, such as there is no longer a need
	for a risk assessment. However, the current leaders have reported no issues with the
	paperwork required to lead a walk.
	The consensus of those attending agreed it is important to instil the guidance to ensure continued confidence in the walks programme.
	The only additional consideration which Neil would incorporate in the email to
	members would be the numbers on walks, which as a Group we would advise no more than 20 people but after this it remained at the discretion of the leader.
	Neil to email members with the new guidance.
3	Finances Not discussed at this meeting.
	The current balance is £7,400 with little expenditure since the last meeting. Figure given by Jacqui.
	Outstanding expenditure:
	Emergency tags - £3.00 plus VAT per person. Firm not working to capacity. <b>Action:</b> On hold at present.
	A member has asked the club to fund a Northern Peaks sign. These are £385.00 plus VAT and installation. Action: On hold at present.
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Short discussion re the impact on the Club's finances since the Amble was not held in 2021 with the conclusion that funds remained robust as we had spent little over the last 9 months or so.

Ian is looking at an Anytime Challenge to be held in July/August. £5.00 entry fee but we will probably use this to support our annual donations eg Mountain Rescue, rather than Group Funds. Ian looking at the route descriptions for the Barbondale round. Ian had already had an enquiry from a group wishing to visit the area and would be happy to wait until it is listed on SI entries.

## 4 Social Events Not discussed at the July meeting

Any social events eg., Christmas would depend on the future pathway and lifting of restrictions. To consider this in August/September.

Committee Meetings and Member Meetings. Not discussed at the July meeting
We would have the next Committee meeting in late August, when we would have had
sufficient time to assess the impact of the reduction in restrictions from July 19th.
Dependent on how this progresses, group meetings may be possible, but not at the
Sea View as there was not enough room inside for social distancing.
Karen said that in the past there has been a couple of social evening walks in the

summer months, followed by a drink at the Ley Inn, Clayton le Woods.

Brindle Village Hall is COVID compliant and will be hosting general meetings from

July. This could be a possibility if the bar was open.

Karen to look at venues and talk with members.

Update: The Sea View has been visited and there are no restrictions re numbers. The rooms have been decorated.

## 6 **AOB**

Amble date for 2022 is 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Sue Lomax is looking to put on a virtual challenge later in the year. We should ask Sue for more details ahead of the next Committee meeting but in principle we should encourage this and other events.

It is the LDWA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2022. The club to consider whether this should be celebrated.

Karen to email members wishing them good luck for the 100. (Completed)

There have been a number of new members, David sends them the Walk programme.

Date of next meeting to be decided. Now 31st August 2021 by Zoom.